

REMARKS

Applicant notes with appreciation the opportunity to discuss the pending application with Examiner Dang in the course of the personal interview held on December 13, 2006. This amendment is provided to state with greater specificity the claimed invention. Reconsideration of the claims as to nonobviousness over DeBrouse in view of Yap et al. is thereby requested.

By way of this amendment, independent claims 1 and 9 have been amended to clarify that an image of a potential passenger is brought up from a centralized database on a video display in response to the potential passenger presenting a boarding pass “at the time of boarding.” Support for this amendment to claims 1 and 9 is found in the application as filed among other places at page 7, line 10. Additionally, independent claims 1 and 9 have been amended to provide better antecedent basis for “the boarding” and as such this phrase has been amended to “a time of boarding” and likewise finds support in the application as filed *inter alia* at page 7, line 10. As such, it is submitted that no new matter has been added to the application by way of this amendment.

Applicant submits that DeBrouse lacks a teaching as to retrieving a “computer-storage image output as said human cognizable image on a video display in response to entry of an individualized travel datum of the passenger . . . at the time of boarding.” Yap et al. fails to bolster DeBrouse in this regard and also nowhere teaches calling up an image of the passenger from a centralized database in response to a passenger presenting a boarding pass at the time of boarding. As this recitation is nowhere found in the prior art, please consider providing patentable weight to this recitation. The nonobviousness of pending claims 1 and 9 is supported by the fact that the claimed invention creates an efficiency in speeding up the boarding process

since each individual passenger need not present a form of picture identification. Also, government issued picture identification often has a small image of poor quality and this conventional procedure does not allow for the "verifying the identity of the passenger prior to a time of boarding in a location beyond a security perimeter" that greatly enhances the ability to check passenger identity in advance of the boarding process to provide an added level of security as well as to speed the actual boarding process. For those reasons and those already of record, reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 1, 5 and 9 is respectfully requested.

Summary

Claims 1, 5 and 9 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration of the outstanding rejection as to these claims over DeBrouse in view of Yap et al. is requested.

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